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From: Albright, David

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Hi Stephen, I wanted to follow up on our conversation yesterday about the FOIA submitted by Excelsior. The FOIA request was actually fairly broadly worded, requesting any documents submitted as public comments (e.g., the Earthworks letter) but also all communications between EPA and the public about the permit, and all internal EPA communications regarding public comments on the permit. If you just want the letter, and want to amend your request, then we can process that quite quickly. If you want to stick with the original request, that will require much more time for us to search for/collect anything that is responsive, determine what we can release and what is exempt from release (e.g., some of the internal deliberative communications), and then document what we are releasing and what we are withholding from release. We will process the FOIA request as submitted, unless you wish to narrow the scope. Thanks, David

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